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Business News

FmHA will try to help

Although many farmers are facing financial difficulties because of today's cost price squeeze, the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) intends to do all it can to help its borrowers stay in farming, FmHA State Director Roie M. Godsey said today.

"We recognize there are problems, problems with high interest rates, inflation, a grain embargo, adverse weather and other causes," Godsey said. "And these have been intensified by overall bumper crops that have affected prices."

"As Secretary of Agriculture John Block said recently, our farm economy is in a valley right now and needs some help to move on up the hill on the other side."

Roie Godsey said Block had instructed FmHA to explore the use of private credit to supplement its own lending resources whenever possible. In addition, existing legal authority to reschedule or defer payments is to be used where practicable.

"We intend to be reasonable, just as Secretary Block ordered," God sey said. "Our objective is to keep farmers in business. That isn't to say there won't be some who go out of business, because there will be, but we are going to use the best judgment we can and reasonable criteria in making our loan decisions."

Secretary Block said that borrowers who have made good faith efforts to pay their loans, who have maintained their loan security in good condition, who follow sound, recognized management practices, and who have a reasonable chance to succeed can reasonably expect FmHA to stay with them.

"We will be working with our borrowers and with the commercial lending institutions to overcome these temporary problems," Godsey said. "Agriculture is basically healthy; just as the Secretary said, there is no question about it. We just have to move out of the present situation and dig in for the long run."

Starting March 9

Shorthand course set

A shorthand refresher course will be offered by the Appomattox County School Board beginning Tuesday night, March 9, at 7:00 in the Business Education Department at the Appomattox County High School. The class will meet each Tuesday and Thursday night for a period of six weeks for a total of thirty hours of instruction. Each class period will be from 7:00 until 9:30 p.m. A tuition charge of twenty dollars, which will include the loan of textbooks, will be made for each participant in the class.

This refresher course is designed for persons who have had Gregg shorthand sometime in the past and for various reasons needs to regain skill in this area. Instruction will be given to refresh theory and practice will be provided to develop speed.

Persons interested in this refresher course are requested to preregister by calling the Appomattox County School Board Office at 352-8233 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ten persons are needed to offer the course.

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Mr. Lair and wife, Chamnong live at Pamplin City.

State parks tourism sets record in 1981

Last year more people visited Virginia state parks than ever before in the 46-year history of the state park system. Overall attendance figures for all of 1981 rose by 213,743, representing a 6 percent increase over the 1980 totals.

Commissioner of state parks Donald D. Sutton, in announcing the attendance increase said, "the figures reflect an aveage annual growth of 5.7 percent in overall state parks' attendance since 1975." In 1981, 3,719,945 people visited the parks the 1980 figure was 3,505,202.

Swimming and boat rentals increased most significantly last year, rising 11 percent and 13 percent respectively. Day-only visitation was up 7 percent, cabin use 8 percent. Camping showed a slight decline, down 1 percent from 1980.

Overall increases, commissioner Sutton said, were due to many variables. "We saw gasoline prices stabilize and highway travel increase, but nationwide travel spending grew only about 1 percent, leading us to believe our state parks served some of those people who took less costlier, one-day trips."

New facilities and dry summer weather also contributed, Sutton said. A pool at Pocahontas and a visitor center at Seashore opened last year - both helping boost overall attendance.

Sutton concluded, "if the gloomy economy persists during the next year, we expect a greater number of Virginians will rediscover the inexpensive and rewarding pleasures of outdoor recreation offered in Virginia's state parks."

Bryants open phone sales center

Leon Bryant and his wife Jean have opened a telephone and accessories sales store near Spout Spring.

Bryant says the store has a vast inventory from which to pick. It became legal for private individuals to own phones in 1979.

The store will feature Mickey Mouse, Snoopy, Winnie the Pooh and other "character" phones, as well as the standard touch tone desk and wall phones. Bryant says that some of the phones offered for sale here can't be found elsewhere. He notes that a new addition to the store's offerings is a cordless phone unit which enables a person to place or receive calls from anywhere in the house or for a limited range outside the house.

The phones are discount priced from 20 percent to 50 percent off the retail value, according to Bryant. The units are FCC registered and carry a 12-month warranty.

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Sports

Varsity set for tourney

Following season-ending defeats at the hands of two hot teams, Rustburg and Buckingham, the Raider varsity basketball team stood poised this week to take its first-round Seminole District Tournament foe, William Campbell.

The Raiders finished the regular season with a 10-8 district record, following last week's games, the final of the regular season.

Tuesday, the Raiders fell to Rustburg, 62-48. The game saw the Red Devils open an early lead, 14-8 in the first quarter, and 31-20 at the end of the first half. The Rustburg team continued to extend their lead, with a 44-30 advantage at the end of the third quarter, and a 62-48 final score.

One bright spot for the Raiders was Kim Humbles' 24 points. Other scoring for the Raiders were Jeff Miller with eight points, Ron Carter with six, and Rick Caldwell, Bobby Carter, Jody Williams, Kevin Mayberry and Tim Bennett, each with two points.

Against Bucking h a m, the Raiders had another frustrating night, in the final game of the regular season for the Raiders, an 80-59 loss.

Buckingham opened an early lead, with a 20-10 advantage at the end of the first quarter. In the second period, the Raiders fought back, and pulled to within five (37-32) as the first half ended.

The Knights continued their dominance in the second half, however, leading 51-44 at the end of the third quarter, and 80-59 as the game ended.

Humbles and Kevin Ferguson scored in double figures for the Raiders, with 21 and 15 points, respectively. Others scoring against Buckingham were Miller with eight, Caldwell with six, Williams with five, and Ron Carter and Dennis Fleshman, with two each.

High scorers for Buckingham were Kennedy West with 29 points, Russ Gowin with 19 points, and Pernell Bolden with ten points.

The Raiders, with a 10-8 district record in the regular season, were scheduled to face off against William Campbell Wednesday night in the first round of the Seminole District tournament. William Campbell's regular season record was 9-9 in the district. The tournament is being held at E. C. Glass High School in Lynchburg.

Tuesday night, after the **Times-Virginian** deadline, regular season champions Nelson County was slated to face off against Liberty, and in the late (8:30 p.m.) game, Rustburg and Buckingham were scheduled to play.

Friday's semifinal game with put the winner of the Appomattox-William Campbell game against the winner of the Nelson-Liberty game at 7 p.m., and the winner of the Rustburg-Buckingham ga m e against the winner of the Gretna-Altavista game at 8:30 p.m.

The final round of the tournament will be held Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the E. C. Glass gymnasium.

RAIDER JEFF MILLER goes up for two in Friday night's regular season-ending game against Buckingham. (Photo by Mike Williams)

PTA gets PE demonstration

A physical education demonstration was presented to the Appomattox Primary School PTA this month. On Tuesday, February 16, 1982, the students from each grade at APS performed various skills and activities from their P.E. program.

The kindergarten students showed their warm-up exercises including "the giraffe", "the rabbit and turtle" and "the toaster". They performed several motor activities using the parachute.

The students from first grade demonstrated skills using bean bags, plastic bottles and jump ropes. All these activities included the skills of balance, muscle cordination and hand-eye coordination. The students also used the jump ropes to make numbers and letters.

The second grades began their part of the program showing various ways to move a hula hoop. Then they performed body coordination skills by tumbling and climbing through an obstacle course.

The demonstration showed a variety of skills and activites enjoyed by the students. Yet the P. E. demonstration showed only a small portion of the many activities used in the APS P.E. program.

Baseball meet set

The Appomattox Dixie Youth Baseball League is holding 'Baseball Sign Up' on March 6 and March 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon at the following locations: Central Fidelity Bank, Pamplin Ball Park, and the Oakville School building.

Volleyball

Girls drop Hawks

By TAMARA HAMLET

On Friday, February 19, 1982 the Raiderette Volleyball team traveled to Gretna to play the Hawks. The Raiderettes won the first three games of the best of five series. Scores of the games were 15-8; 15-10; 15-6.

Top servers in the match were Ruby Smith with 16 serving points; Suzan Eye with 13 serving points; and Angie Moore with 8 points.

With 10 sets from Patty Roach and 12 sets from Angie Murray, the Raiderette spikers Ruby Smith, Suzan Eye, Rhonda Jaggers, and Angie Moore, had a total of 26 spikes. Sixteen of these scored or were not returned by the Hawks.

The win over Gretna boosted the Raiderette record to 5-1.

The Raiderette's will play Brookville at Appomattox on Tuesday and will travel to Forest to take on the Cavelettes in the Jefferson Forest gym. Both games start at 7:00. These games will end the regular season for the Raiderettes.

Jayvees finish at top

The Raider jayvee basketball team clinched the Seminole District basketball championship last week with victories over Rustburg and Buckingham.

The season-ending wins placed the jayvee Raiders at the top of the district standings with an 18-2 record.

The Rustburg game started off with a Raider surge, but saw the Red Devils fight back to within seconds of victory. A shot by Louis Preston with two seconds remaining, however, gave the Raiders the victory, 46-44.

The Raiders opened an early lead, ahead by 10-6 at the end of the first quarter, and leading by 26-16 as the first half ended.

In the third quarter, however, the Red Devils fought back, and were behind by only two points as the period ended.

In the final period, the Red Devils continued to fight back, and with a minute left to play, Rustburg led by three points. The Raiders pressed with a minute left, forced Rustburg mistakes, and tied the score on a key shot by Ricky Miller with 12 seconds remaining.

The Raider press continued to work on Rustburg, who turend the ball over with seven seconds remaining. Appomattox inbounded the ball, took two shots, then Preston got the rebound and sank the basket with two seconds left on the clock.

Miller was high scorer with 17 points, followed by Gary Ferguson with 14, Todd Scruggs, with seven, Tyrone Abbitt with six and Louis Preston, with two.

Coach John Pettyjohn cited the play of Todd Scruggs as outstanding in the Raiders' defensive efforts.

Against Bucking h a m, the Raiders had a somewhat easier time, although the Knights did befuddle Appomattox early on with their slow-down game.

Buckingham opened a lead early in the game, ahead 13-8 as the first quarter ended, and 23-22 at the end of the first half.

In the third period, however, the Raiders adjusted their offense and streaked past the Knights, leading 39-30 as that period ended. The Raider substitutes had an outstanding second half, and the game ended in a 59-37 Appomattox victory.

Every player on the Appomattox team scored, with Tyrone Abbitt's 12 points being the high mark for Appomattox. M. Guill of Buckingham was the high scorer for the game, with 14 points.

Others scoring for Appomattox were Gary Ferguson with eight points, Todd Scruggs with seven, Ricky Miller with seven, Kinckle Robinson with eight, Louis Preston and Ron Kelso with four each, Steve Hamlett with three, and Tim Austin and John Hurt, with two each.

"The bench did a great job for us," coach John Pettyjohn said after the game. The coach cited the play of the entire starting five - Ferguson, Preston, Miller, Abbitt and Scruggs as outstanding on defense.

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